

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Town of Brownfield
September 8, 2009

Selectmen Present: Carol Brooks, Erik Walker & Cindy Willets

Others Present: Frank & Alvina Day, Michelle Day, Nancy Grove, Richard Perreault & Cindy Walker

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M. Warrants and minutes were reviewed and approved.

Frank reported that Monday was spent working on Porter Road doing ditch work and shoulder work. Tuesdays was also spent doing the same work and measuring the shoulders that were worked on by Pike Industries to confirm charges to the Town involved with the paving project. Ditch work was done and the culvert cleaned out on the Moore Road on Wednesday. Frank also met with Fred Ilea of Porter who removed the beavers on Farnsworth Road on Saturday. The dam will actually be removed by the PW Department within several days of no beaver appearing. A representative from R.C. Hazelton came to check out a noise in the grader. It was determined to be only normal wear and routine maintenance was performed. More vehicle maintenance was performed on Thursday and edges were worked on around the new culverts on Sam Brown Hill Road. A ditch had to be repaired on Shepherds River Road in an area that is known for washouts during heavy rains. Frank believes this problem has now been fixed.

Frank followed up with the Selectmen on a conversation he had with them during the past week regarding additional paving on the Sam Brown Hill Road. Pike and Perma Drive were asked to give estimates to pave from the new culverts to the intersection with Porter Road. Perma Drive actually quoted a price of \$34,500 to pave 1,700' while Pike quoted a price of \$36,765 to pave 3,200'. Pike's price also includes shimming and overlaying. The paving that has been done to date has come in under budget by \$54,095.32 and Frank feels that the time is right to finish paving in this area and that the money has been approved and is available and will still leave approximately \$20,000 in the paving budget. In addition, Frank also has money left in his culvert account of approximately \$8,000. Erik made a motion that was seconded by Carol to accept the bid by Pike Industries of \$36,765 to pave over the culverts through to the intersection with Porter Road. All were in favor.

The fuel tanks are being prepared for moving to the new garage. Frank is planning on moving the floating dock tomorrow from Burnt Meadow Pond. Discussion followed on the stationary dock at the Town Beach. Only one firm bid on the removal and/or installation of the docks. The price was reasonable; however, it was felt that if hiring them for only one season it might be better to let

them be responsible for installation in the spring which requires leveling and adjustments and have the Town be responsible for removal in the fall. Erik will see if he can get a group of volunteers together to disassemble and remove the docks and have them towed to the sand/salt shed

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location. If Erik feels this is unable to happen, he will let Julie know and she will contact the representative from S & S Docks to have them do the removal as well as the installation of the docks.

Next on the agenda was the soon to be arriving MDOT Speed Monitoring Trailer. Julie received a phone call from the Town of Limerick. They have the trailer now and their Road Commissioner will bring it to Brownfield and meet with Frank to explain the process to him. Brownfield will have the trailer for two weeks and will then transport it to Denmark. Some of the roads where speeding is an issue and that might benefit from this trailer include Center Conway Road, Hampshire Road, Main Street, Haley Town Road, Denmark Road and Spring Street.

The water has been disconnected at the old town garage. The fuel tanks will be leaving shortly and there are minimal supplies remaining to be moved to the new garage. Frank will have to contact CMP to have Brownfield's name dropped from the meter for the water supply and will also have to contact them once the building is empty and the power can be shut off. A letter was received by a resident business owner in Brownfield that is interested in purchasing the property and wondered what the procedure was for the sale of the property. The Selectmen will have to determine a fair market price after getting several estimates by local realtors. The sale of the property would then go out to bid by advertisements in the local papers. The property contains five acres, has been surveyed and has a clean bill of health from the EPA. Frank can definitely be out of the old garage by October 30th if not sooner.

Nancy Grove of the "This 'n That Club" has a new sign to replace the stolen one that had been installed where Hiram meets Brownfield on Pequawket Trail. Carol made a motion that was seconded by Erik to have the PW Department install the new sign.

Richard Perreault reported a car accident last night at 10:00 P.M. on the flats on Rte. 160 heading towards South Hiram. One person was transported by ambulance to Bridgton Hospital. Tomorrow Engine 2 will be stripped of any remaining equipment and the tires need to be switched with older tires off a PW piece of equipment before being sold. The Fire Department has two Sundays available to help with the controlled burn project at Pam Penney's property. They are planning on this Sunday if possible or the following Sunday. John

Thurston will be available with his excavator and one lane may have to be closed during the burn.

Carol Brooks did take a look at the wooden playground behind the tennis courts. She could only see one location that was missing a board or two. Julie had met with an insurance adjustor from MMA who has mailed an Action Plan for some of the Town's property/equipment. He did walk around the playground and inspect it. The Town will follow their recommendations in order to be properly insured. Discussion followed on

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whether a group of volunteers could get together to sand some of the wood and repaint or stain it. It may become necessary to close the playground if it is deemed unsafe for children to play on.

There are presently two vacancies on the Budget Committee, and the Selectmen have appointed Cindy Walker and Chris Wells to fill these seats. These appointments will be valid until June 30th of next year. The Selectmen also appointed Richard Norcross as a member of the Recreation Committee. The next meeting of the Rec. Committee is scheduled for September 23rd at 6:00 P.M. at the Community Center in the ABC Room. The public is welcome to attend and the Committee is always looking for more members. Peter White has resigned from the Mount Washington Valley Economic Council causing a vacancy for anyone wishing to join.

The Rec. Director position has been advertised and applications are due September 18th. The Rec. Committee will review applications and offer suggestions to the Selectmen in preparation for interviews which are planned to take place the week of September 21st.

The Selectmen will meet on Tuesday, September 22nd at 5:00 P.M. to work on setting the tax rate for the upcoming year. The Auditors should have the information available by the end of this week or early next.

Erik Walker has received some more information from Stuart Smith in the form of an updated, revised tree growth application. Some discussion followed; however, Wanda is waiting for a final response from Mike Rogers of Maine Revenue Services.

Carol Brooks made a motion that was seconded by Cindy Willets to adjourn at 8:05 P.M. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Watkins
Town Administrator

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